

MAJOR JOHN ROBERTS.

DECEMBER 23, 1831.

Mr. BOULDIN, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to which was referred the petition of Major John Roberts, report:*

That the case of the petitioner has heretofore been presented to Congress; and, at the second session of the twenty-first Congress, the Committee on Revolutionary Claims made a report thereon, hereto annexed; which is fully concurred in by your committee, and adopted. That committee also reported a bill for the relief of the petitioner, which is likewise approved by this committee, and they report the same bill.

DECEMBER 21, 1830.

*The Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to which was referred the petition of Major John Roberts, report:*

That the said John Roberts entered the army of the revolution early in the war; that he was appointed a captain in the Virginia line on continental establishment, prior to January, 1779: that, in the month March of that year, he was commissioned a major in infantry, in the said line; that evidence is produced that he continued to do duty as a major in actual service so late as September, 1781; that he was subject to the orders of Col. James Wood of the Virginia continental line, in that last named month and year, and discharged various duties in relation to the Saratoga prisoners under the orders of said Col. Wood, who subscribed himself his colonel commandant. It appears by the certificate of Mr. Edwards of the Pension Office, that Col. Wood was of the continental line from the State of Virginia. The petitioner states, that, late in 1781, he was without command, and endeavored to find service by travelling to the southern States, which effort proved abortive, and that he had no command afterwards until the close of the war. He further states, on oath, that, after the discharge of his troops, he was without command; that he never did resign his commission; and that he was at all times willing again to enter the service, if required so to do; but that he never was so required.

J. L. Edwards, Esq. clerk of the Pension Office, certifies that the name of John Roberts appears in the list of continental officers of the Virginia line on continental establishment, as a major; and that he received, on the 8th November, 1783, a certificate of balance of pay, amounting to £404 1s. 10d., Virginia currency; and that, on the 24th June, 1786, a further certificate was received by him, through General James Wood, for £78. The resolve of Congress of October 21, 1780, promised half pay for life to all officers who should remain in service to the close of the war, or who should be supernumerary and willing to enter service again, if required so to do; and the resolution of that body of March, 1783, commuted the half pay for life, by five years' full pay, in lieu thereof, to all persons entitled, under the resolves of October, 1780; and your committee, believing that John Roberts, a major of infantry of the Virginia line on continental establishment, is clearly within the said resolutions, entitled to the benefit thereof, report a bill in his favor.